

# Meet Peanut the Turtle

**Peanut, a female red-eared slider, is the spokesturtle for No MOre Trash, encouraging all to put litter in its place.**



## Peanut's Story

Hunting in a stream, a small red-eared slider went through a plastic six-pack ring someone had carelessly left behind. The ring was stuck on her shell. As she got bigger, her shell grew around the ring.

In 1993, when she was 9 years old, someone found the turtle and took her to the St. Louis Zoo where the ring was removed. They named her Peanut because of her shell's shape and gave her to the Missouri Department of Conservation.



*A stripe behind the turtle's eye give it the name red-eared slider.*

*Peanut now lives at Busch Conservation Area in St. Charles and Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery in Branson and is doing well.*



**Peanut's shell is a reminder that litter hurts wildlife. Show you care and keep Missouri's landscape clean.**

